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TREATING SKIN VASCULAR TISSUE)
AND COMBATING SKIN PALLOR)

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In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 197 and 1.98, applicants are filing herewith a Form PTO-1449 listing documents for the consideration of the Examiner. However, a copy of the listed U.S. patent is not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

Breton et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,224, 850 B1 has been cited by the Examiner in copending Appln. No. 09/859,384, filed by the present inventors concurrently with their parent Appln. No. 09/859,392 on May 18, 2001. The Breton et al. '850 patent describes an extract of *Iridaceae* as a chlorine-channel receptor agonist for relaxing and/or loosening the cutaneous and/or subcutaneous tissue. Chlorine-channel openers may be present in the compositions administered in accord with the present invention.

The Narita et al. publication which is enclosed is a document whose abstract has been cited during prosecution of the European counterpart of Appln. No. 09/859,384.

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Copending Application No. 09/859,384 has recently been abandoned in favor of a continuation Application No. 10/702,736 [Attorney Docket No. 016800-652], filed November 7, 2003. A copy of the continuation is provided herewith.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609(c)(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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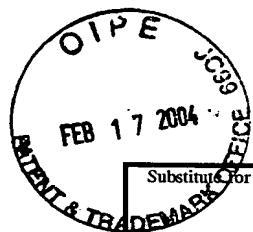
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Examiner Initials	Include name of author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
	Narita et al, "Effects of Calcium Blockers and Mn ²⁺ on the Response of Isolated Rat Iris Sphincter and Dilator Muscles to Agonists and Ca ²⁺ ", <i>Journal of Pharmacobio-dynamics</i> , vol. 5, pp 285-294 (April, 1982) published by Pharmaceutical Society of Japan, Tokyo, Japan.

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